

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED)	ORDER GRANTING
BY QUALITY INN, RAPID CITY, SOUTH)	REQUEST TO ADD QWEST
DAKOTA, AGAINST MCLEODUSA)	CORPORATION AS A
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.)	PARTY
AND QWEST CORPORATION REGARDING)	
FAILURE TO PROVIDE SERVICE)	CT02-017

On May 15, 2002, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a complaint filed by Quality Inn, Rapid City, South Dakota (Complainant), against McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. (McLeod) regarding failure to provide service.

On May 15, 2002, the complaint was faxed to McLeod. Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:09, McLeod was notified that it must satisfy the complaint or file an answer in writing with the Commission by June 4, 2002. On June 3, 2002, McLeod filed an answer. On February 7, 2003, the Commission received a motion and third party complaint from McLeod requesting that Qwest Corporation (Qwest) be added as a party.

On February 20, 2003, at a regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered this matter. Qwest did not object to being added as a party.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-13, including 49-13-1 through 49-13-14, inclusive, and SDCL Chapter 49-31, including 49-31-3, 49-31-7, 49-31-7.1, 49-31-7.2, 49-31-7.3, 49-31-7.4, 49-31-10, 49-31-11, 49-31-38, 49-31-38.1, 49-31-38.2, 49-31-38.3, 49-31-89 through 49-31-97, inclusive, and ARSD Chapters 20:10:01 and 20:10:34.

The Commission voted to grant McLeod's request to add Qwest as a party. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Qwest shall be added as a party in the above captioned matter, and that the complaint shall be forwarded to Qwest and Qwest shall file with the Commission its answer in writing within twenty (20) days of service of this order.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of March, 2003.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u><i>Aldine Kalbo</i></u>
Date: <u>3/10/03</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner